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1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH UNHCR REP HASELMAN AGAIN EVEING SEPT. 26. HASELMAN PREOCCUPIED BY FACT THAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 24 BETWEEN HIMSELF AND MININTERIOR BONILLA HAS BEEN POSTPONE. MEETING WHICH NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOON SEPT 27 IS TO DISCUSS AND, HASELMAN HOPES, RATIFY AGREEMENTS REACHED WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF REUGEES. I AM MEETING WITH HUIELMAN TODAY AT 4:30 PM AND WILL REPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

2. HASELMAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE PREFERS PUBLIC COMMENTS BE CONFINED TO STATEMENT THAT UNHCR AND GOC WORKING OUT MODALITIES FOR SAFETY OF REFUGEES. IF PLAN OUTLINED BELOW (PARA 3), WHICH HAS ALREADY RECEIVED APPROVAL MINISTRY FOREIGN RELATIONS, RECEIVES MININTERIOR'S IMPRIMATURE TODAY, HE HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO HAVING IT MADE PUBLIC AS WELL. HASELMAN ASKED THAT HIS PERSONAL REGARDS BE SENT TO ASST SEC KUBISCH WHOM HE MET A FEW YEARS AGO IN MEXICO. HASELMAN SAID THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE LEAVING CHILE
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THIS WEEKEND AND WILL BE REPLACED BY AMB FRANCISCO URRUTIA,

FORMER UNHCR LATIN AMERICAN REP SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FRIDAY.

3. PLAN TO NORMALIZE SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN COUNTRY IN "IRREGULAR STATUS" I.E. NOT PROPERLY DOCUMENTED WHICH WORKED OUT BY MINFON RELATIONS AND UNHCR REP AS FOLLOWS:

A. REFUGEES WILL APPROACH ONE OF 26 SUBCOMMITTEES - 15 IN SANTIAGO, 11 IN PROVINCES - TO BE ESTABLISHED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AID TO REFUGEES. NATIONAL COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF REPS OF CHILEAN RED CROSS, CATHOLIC CHURCH, PROTESTANT CHURCHES, CARITAS, ETC.

B. REFUGEES' APPLICATIONS FOR NORMALIZATION OF SITUATION OR FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE COUNTRY WILL BE REVIEWED BY MINISTRY FONRELATIONS, MINISTRY INTERIOR AND ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE.

C. REFUGEES WHOSE PETITION TO STAY IN COUNTRY APPROVED WILL HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GET PAPERS IN ORDER. REFUGEES WHO WISH TO LEAVE AND ARE NOT WANTED FOR CRIMES WILL BE EXPELLED RAPIDLY AND BE AIDED BY UNHCR TO FIND NEW HOMES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. NONE WILL BE RETURNED TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AGAINST THEIR WILL. REFUGEES WANTED FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS BY AUTHORITIES WILL BE INFORMED OF DECISION AND PROVIDED WITH LEGAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AT THEIR REQUEST.

4. HASELMAN WANTS MINISTRY INTERIOR AGREEMENT TO TWO FURTHER POINTS:

A) ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE HAVENS IN CHURCHES WHERE REFUGEES NOW IN HIDING CAN GO WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING, AND
B) GOVERNMENT OKAY TO ALLOWING PETITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION TO BE ENTERED WITHOUT ADDRESSES. IN SUCH CASE ONLY AID TO REFUGEE COMMITTEES AND NOT GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTACT REFUGEES. HASELMAN STATES LATTER IS IMPORTANT TO DISPEL FEARS OF MANY REFUGEES THAT ATTEMPTS TO REGULARIZE STATUS WILL LEAD TO GOVERNMENT DISCOVERY AND ARREST.

5. HASELMAN MET WITH ASSEMBLED AMBASSADORS EVEINING SEPT 26 AT APOSTOLIC NONCIATURE AND FILLED US IN ALONG ABOVE LINES.
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